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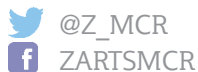
What's On

September - December 2015

Manchester's venue for
children and families

www.z-arts.org
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Welcome to Autumn at Z-arts

This Autumn is a chance to enjoy fantastical storytelling with the world premiere of Snow Queen from the 3rd -13th December, written by Philip Osment and produced by Z-arts, a notable alternative to the traditional Christmas pantomimes. But if your Christmas calendar isn't yet on your agenda, then there's lots to do all day everyday. In October half term we present a unique partnership with Capoeira Manchester exploring Afro Brazilian culture including a live link up with workshop participants in Rio. From drama workshops to dance, film and our year-round programme of family entertainment (which this autumn includes the first specially made show for children from the inspiring and endlessly entertaining Forced Entertainment, programmed as part of the Family Arts Festival) it's an action packed season for children and families.

Liz O'Neill, Chief Executive/Artistic Director

How to book

Visit Us: We're open: Mon-Fri: 9am-9pm Sat: 9am-5pm

By Phone: 0161 226 1912

Online: Open 24 hours at www.z-arts.org

By Email: info@z-arts.org

Family Ticket: 4 people of any age can get tickets for our events for just £25. Some exclusions apply.

M15 resident? Concession tickets available for all Hulme residents

How to get here

Z-arts, 335 Stretford Road, Manchester, M15 5ZA

We're a 20 minute walk from Oxford Road & Deansgate Train stations. There are regular bus services from the city centre. The 250, 256 and 163 pass just outside. The 86 stops nearby. There is ample on-street parking in the area. Please call the Box Office or visit z-arts.org/getting-here for more information.



Become a Member

Bright Sparks is Z-arts' flagship membership scheme for all families, no matter what shape and size. For just £15 (free for registered unemployed, students and disabled) your entire family can access all of our regular activities, get access to reduced price tickets for our Big Imaginations programme, input into how we do things at Z-arts and keep in touch with all the fabulous things we have planned! Visit z-arts.org for details.

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Ages
7+

See
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find out more
about *Breaking The
Ice* – a Christmas
show to delight
ages 2-5

Thu 3 – Sun 13 December

Snow Queen

By Philip Osment

A Z-arts production

Thu 3rd 7pm

Fri 4th 7pm (BSL interpreted & relaxed performance)

Sat 5th 11am & 2.30pm

Sun 6th 2.30pm

Fri 11th 7pm

Sat 12th 11am & 2.30pm

Sun 13th 2.30pm

Tickets £8/ £6

Running Time: 90 Mins (TBC)

“I want to come with you and watch the people shiver as you pass over them.”

A modern twist on the Hans Christian Anderson classic *The Snow Queen*, blending live action with film, puppetry and digital storytelling. A young girl goes on a journey to find her friend. Along the way she meets talking flowers, a bossy princess, a grumpy reindeer and other magical creatures who help her find her strength to battle with Snow Queen, a shape-shifting icy goddess who represents all that you want most in the world.

This winter you can even join in to help Gerda crack the ice portal and rescue her friend from the Snow Queen.

See z-arts.org to find out how.

“Upon entering the theatre it’s clear that Z-arts have really gone to town on this year’s Christmas offering.”
- Nikki Cotter, Manchester’s Finest



Free
arts activities
before all
shows!

Friday 25 & Saturday 26 September
Happily Ever After

Presented by Action Transport Theatre
Sat 2.30pm £6/£8, Ages 5+
Running Time: 50 Minutes

A delightful fairytale with a twist. A reluctant prince has to grow-up and become King! Hundreds of princesses come from all over the land as suitors for him to marry, but the Prince isn't impressed by any of them...

Happily Ever After is the delightful new show by Action Transport Theatre using their trade-mark highly visual, wordless storytelling and comedy clowning, with the most unexpected queen you've ever seen!

Join us as we transform a traditional fairy-tale into a sparkling occasion, guaranteed to captivate audiences of all ages. Because all princes need happy endings...

“Visually fantastic and completely absorbing”
- Francesca Waite, The Lowry

Z-arts.org
Tickets & info: 0161 226 1912



Saturday 10 October
Flyaway Katie

Presented by Long Nose Puppets
& Manchester Literature Festival
11am & 2.30pm, £6/8, Ages 2-7
Running Time: 40 mins

Flyaway Katie is an inspiring flight of fancy about the power of imagination based on the popular children's book by Polly Dunbar. Katie wishes she could feel less grey and lonely. A beautiful picture on the wall catches her eye and, in an explosion of colour, another world comes to life. The show lasts 40 minutes and offers the chance to meet the puppets afterwards.

“Magical and beautiful”
- The Guardian



Saturday 17 October
Tree/ Boom/ Umthi

Presented by Magnet Theatre
11am & 2.30pm, £6/8, Ages 3-7
Running Time: 45 mins

All the way from South Africa, Tree/ Boom/ Umthi tells the story of a hungry man who wants to eat a peach. The 30-minute narrative starts when a hungry child, who wishes to eat a peach, plants a seed in the ground. As the tree grows, the company of four actors lets us in on secrets about day and night, the seasons and the animals that interact with trees in the natural world. Tree/ Boom/ Umthi is like an illustrated children's book, brought to life and filled with beautiful images and song by the award-winning Magnet Theatre who have performed all over South Africa and internationally.

“I have never seen the children so involved” – Little Angels Educare



Ages 4+

Wednesday 28 October
The Bear and The Butterfly

Presented by Theatre Hullabaloo
 11am & 2.30pm, £6/8 Ages 4+
 Running Time: 50 mins

One day, Bear's life changes forever when, deep in the branches of the tree he hears the munching and a-crunching of a bright green Caterpillar. Puppetry, live music and beautiful storytelling combine in this charming tale about love, loss and friendship, for ages 4+ and their families.

"This was a show that shone as brightly as the stars in the night sky" – The Echo



Ages 6+

Saturday 31 October
The Possible Impossible House

Presented by Forced Entertainment
 2.30pm & 7.30pm, £6/8 Ages 6+
 Running Time: 70 mins

In the library of The Possible Impossible House, a doodle of a girl springs from the blank page of an algebra book. She'll take you on a night-time adventure around labyrinthine corridors, a deserted ballroom and a cupboard under the stairs, encountering a motley crew of characters. There's a friendly philosophical spider, a talking mouse, a not-so-very-frightening ghost and an army of dancing soldiers inside this most unusual house.

"This is classic Forced Entertainment territory: messy, a little bit mad and strangely enchanting" – The Guardian

Tues 20 – Thu 22 Oct
The Notebook

Presented by Forced Entertainment
 at Contact. 7.30pm £15/ £10 Ages 16+
 And for those aged 16+...

Forced Entertainment present their critically acclaimed adaptation of Ágota Kristófs 'The Notebook' at Contact, Oxford Road, M15 6JA – a tale of twin brothers evacuated to the Hungarian countryside during World War II to their impoverished grandmother's farm.

Ages 16+



Ages 0-18 mths

Sunday 1 November
16 Singers

Presented by The Egg and Katherine Morley
 10.30am-0-9months / 12pm- 9-18months / 2.30pm - Mixed session, for Babies & Toddlers 0 - 18 months, £6/8 Running Time: 30 mins

16 Singers is a special experience. Created by Katherine Morley for babies aged 0 - 18 months and their grownups, it cleverly captures the attention of tiny spectators using breath, rhythms and song, and by blending movement patterns and dance with an intricate, moving set. With its very young audience at its heart, 16 Singers is a rare opportunity to share a beautifully crafted performance with your baby.

"The babies round me were captivated, eyes wide as saucers" - The Herald

Ages
7+



Sunday 8 November
Our Teacher's A Troll

Presented by Paines Plough and Half Moon
11am & 2.30pm, £6/£8 Ages 7+
Running Time: 50 mins

Two terrible twins with a talent for turmoil rule their school with terror and tyranny. That is, until the arrival of a new head teacher with green scaly skin, sharp gnarly fangs, and a long spiky tail. From Dennis Kelly, the writer of award-winning West End show *Matilda the Musical*, this an exciting collaboration between Paines Plough and Half Moon Theatre, fresh from its success this summer at London's Southbank Centre, Brighton Festival and Edinburgh Fringe 2015.

"Fun, funny and unpatronising. Comic perfection."
- **The Times**

Ages
2-5



Fri 18 & Sat 19 Dec
Breaking The Ice

Presented by Filskit & Unicorn
10.30am & 2.30pm, £6/£8 Ages 2-5
Running Time: 50 minutes

Have you heard the incredible true story of a wild polar bear who made friends with a Husky? Now we've created a show inspired by their unlikely friendship. Be part of Team Polar Bear or Team Husky and watch as the animals learn to play together. Then get involved in the fun yourself by interacting with projected images that mirror your movements.

"Inventive and Imaginative"
- **A Younger Theatre on Filskit's Snow White**



Saturday 12 September International Roald Dahl Fun Day

11 am – 3pm All Ages, Free

September is Roald Dahl's birth month and this year Z-arts will be celebrating with a wonderful array of creative activities based on his books. Join us for a fun-filled day on the 12th September for the whole family to enjoy; dress as your favourite characters, share stories from Revolting Rhymes and Dirty Beasts and make characters from your favourite stories.



Saturday 28 November Snow Queen Fun Day

11 am – 3pm All Ages, Free

Z-arts will be transforming our gallery into an ice palace for a family fun day including a chance to meet the Snow Queen! There will be face-painting, storytelling from members of our cast of the Snow Queen, fun ice-inspired activities, a fancy dress competition and plenty of snow themed snacks in our cafe! The Snow Queen will award the child (or parent) in the best costume a super special prize. Judging will be at 2pm, so polish those snowflakes and dust off your crowns.

Thursday 10 & Friday 11 September

The Bogus Woman

By Kay Adshead

7.30pm, £12 / £10 Running Time: 80 Mins

Krissi Bohn (Coronation Street) performs this powerful, poetic and heart-wrenching play – bringing to life the 51 characters who retell the experiences of a young woman seeking safety and asylum.

16+

Saturday 12 September

Stepping Stones To The Stars

7.30pm, £10 / £8 Running Time: 180 Mins

A variety show that will leave you “inspired”, showcasing talented performers on the Autistic Spectrum. Singing, music, and drama, with Carly Ryan, Martin Finn, Chris Affrix and many more shining stars.

All Ages

Saturday 3 October

Emergency

Midday – 10pm, Free

A free day out for the curious. From short snippets of shows in the theatre, to long and languid live art in the gallery, the building will echo with a full day of free performance. Your chance to sample the different - drop in for ten minutes or stay for ten hours.

14+

Thursday 22 October

Wordsmith Showcase

5pm, £6 / £4 Running Time: 90 Mins

Manchester Literature Festival and Wordsmith present a special celebration of new talent as part of Black History Month 2015 featuring poet and songstress Zena Edwards, MC and singer King Burga and students from four Manchester secondary schools.

10+

Friday 6 November

The Holy & Horny Farewell Tour

7.30pm, £14 / £12.50 Running Time: 75 Mins

Described as “Hilarious, powerful and deeply moving,” Holy & Horny is an inspirational, superbly acted sell out show celebrating spirituality and sensuality. Join actress & author Tonya Joy Bolton for the last ever UK performance.

15+

Saturday 7 November

The Little Mermaid Sing-a-long

1.30pm-3.30pm, £5 inclusive of workshop, creative activities and film screening

Z-arts resident singing teacher will be on hand to tune you up, teach you the moves and be singing live throughout the show to give you the confidence to join in on songs such as “Under the Sea” and “Part of Your World”. There will be creative arts inspired by Hans Christian Anderson who wrote the books The Little Mermaid and our upcoming Christmas Show, Snow Queen.

All Ages

Monday 9- 14 November

Journeys and Journals

1pm - 5pm, Free exhibition

Freedom from Torture and Nelly Globe Arts worked on a journaling project with torture survivors from across the world. The group went on a sensory journey through Manchester collecting thoughts, feelings, smells, sounds, perspectives and touch. The exhibition is a result of this journey, where the participants have explored their sensory self in the present, as well as visually communicating the experiences of their past. Please note that younger children should be accompanied by an adult.

All Ages

Saturday 21st November

Manchester Glee presents Northern Soul

7.30pm, £8 / £5 All Ages Running Time: 90 Minutes

From Manchester’s Oasis hot footing it to Newcastle’s Billy Elliot via the Blood Brothers of Liverpool, Manchester glee will take you on a musical journey celebrating all things northern. With pop, indie and show tunes don’t miss out on this one night only extravaganza.

All Ages

Pre-school Activities

Baby Play

10.30am-11.15am (Non-walking babies)

The second Tuesday of each month

We understand that exploration is at the heart of play; we want to help your baby develop by providing an interactive play session each month for you to share together.

Non walking babies?

Polkadots

10.30am - 11.15

The first Monday of each month.

New for September 2015!

Polkadots are fun music and movement sessions for young children, giving them the opportunity to make and experience music with others including singing, playing percussion instruments, moving to music, puppets and playing as a group.

2-4

Paint Pots for Tots

10.30am - 11.15am

The second and fourth Monday of each month.

Each week we read a new story and get creative. Parents can enjoy helping their little ones create masterpieces each week, whilst sampling special offers from our cafe.

2-4

Jitterbugs

10.30am - 11.15am

The third Monday of each month

Get moving! Bring your little ones down and boogie with Jitterbugs, our dance and movement class for toddlers.

2-4

Activities for Ages 4-7

Children's Yoga

Saturdays, 9.15am-10am

Yoga is a great way to boost children's health & wellbeing. These fun and creative sessions blend yoga and mindfulness practice with storytelling, games, singing, dancing and art.

4-7

Streetdance

Saturdays, 10am-10.45am

Class especially designed for younger children

4-6

Ballet

Saturdays, 11am - 11.45am

A fun class for all those prima ballerina's.

4-6

Activities for Ages 6-10

Street Dance

Mondays & Thursdays

5.15pm-6.15pm

6-10

Mix It Up

Wednesdays

4pm - 5pm

6-10

Bright Stars

Mondays, 4pm - 5pm

Drama skills with resident thespian Paul!

6-10

Capoeira

Wednesdays & Fridays

5.45pm-7pm

(Bright Sparks membership not required)

6-14

All activities are free for Bright Sparks members*



Activities for Ages 11+

ZYP Wednesdays, 5:30pm-7pm

Z-arts young performers (ZYP) meet once a week to share their talents and improve their performance skills as a group, with an annual full scale production.

11+

Allsorts Saturdays, 11am - 1pm

Learn how to write, record and perform or collaborate with like-minded young people and be helped by professional musicians. (Bright Sparks membership not required)

11+

Activities for All Ages

Bright Sparks Showcase

Saturday 14 November, 3pm-4pm, £3/ £2

Join us in the Z-arts theatre for an afternoon of performances from Z-arts rising stars.

All Ages

Mix It Up Families Saturdays, 12pm - 1pm

Our ever popular art class, this time in a family sized portion. Come down, muck in and make some art as a family. No skills required - just enthusiasm.

All Ages

Film Club Saturdays, 1.30pm - 3pm

Get the cinema experience without the price tag. New crowd pleaser every fortnight, just check the website for details of dates and films. Followed by Film Club Sing-a-long once a month 3.30pm-5pm

All Ages

*See z-arts.org/events/brightsparks

Ages
7-10



Monday 26 – Friday 30 October
Brazil to Manchester:
A Journey through Capoeira

10am – 12pm, Free

During October half term young people will be invited to take part in a series of cultural workshops based on the Afro Brazilian (Martial) Art of Capoeira. Using the different elements of Capoeira the participants will learn to play Capoeira, developing the skills to perform this visually distinct art form.

They will make African instruments and learn how to play them, sing in Portuguese and create art work to celebrate the vibrant culture and heritage of Brazil. In partnership with Capoeira Manchester we will link with children from Rio and share their experiences of the week.

Ages
7-11 &
their grown-
ups



Wednesday 28 & Friday 30 October
Sarah Punshon & Co & China Plate present
We're Stuck

Commissioned by Shoreditch Town Hall and Z-arts

Developed in collaboration with Maths on Toast

Wednesday 28th October – 10.30am and 11.45am

Friday 30th October – 10.30am and 11.45am

Each session 1 hour. Capacity 40 max at each session. Free

Ever got terribly stuck on a problem? Ever made a stupid mistake and felt like a fool? Brilliant! We need you. Our award-winning team are creating a brand new interactive workshop inspired by how amazing and utterly rubbish our brains are at maths. Presented as part of the Manchester Science Festival 2015. Limited spaces, online booking recommended.

Activities for Adults

Sweatt Riott

Mon 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Tues, 7.15 – 8.15, £5

Zumba

Tues 6.15pm-7.15pm

Thu, 6.30pm - 7.15pm, £5

Capoeira

Wed & Fri 7pm – 8.15, £8 / £5 or

£30 for a one month pass

Introduction to Screen-printing

Begins Thu 8th October 6.30 -

8.30pm, Ages 16+, £152 for

6 weeks



Volunteers

There are plenty of opportunities for volunteers at Z-arts – from lending a hand with our creative classes, stewarding our events or helping out in our cafe-bar. We're also looking for volunteer families to help us shape our family programme.

If you would like to apply to become a volunteer please email volunteer@z-arts.org

Education Programme

Our education programme delivers a variety of bespoke creative arts opportunities for young people of all ages, both inside and outside of school.

Why not be a Bright Sparks School? Join Summerville, Holy Name, St Brigids, Gorsehill and Martenscroft Nursery, celebrating culture and enriching the curriculum all year round, with our new schools membership. If your school or your group would like to find out more please contact paul.adams@z-arts.org

Z-arts Café

Why not join us for a bite to eat in the Z-arts café? Open daily, offering a range of freshly made modern British food, hot and cold drinks, cakes and sandwiches as well as a dedicated children's menu.

Room Hires

Z-arts offer a wide variety of versatile spaces for hire at competitive rates including a newly refurbished recording studio. Visit www.z-arts.org/hires for more information or email holly@z-arts.org Room bookings are also available.

Birthday Parties

Want a children's party with a difference? Why not hire the cinema room for a sing-a-long party? Or come and see one of our children's theatre shows with discounted tickets and a private party afterwards. Catering and arts activities are also available. Chat to Holly on 0161 226 1912 to find out more.

Season at a Glance

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Sat 12	International Roald Dahl Fun Day	Z	All Ages	11am-3pm	7
Fri 25	Happily Ever After	Z	5+	10am	4
Sat 26	Happily Ever After	Z	5+	2.30pm	4
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Sat 3	Emergency	V	14+	12pm – 10pm	8
Sat 10	Flyaway Katie	Z	2-7	11am & 2.30pm	4
Sat 17	Tree/Boom/Umthi	Z	3-7	11am & 2.30pm	4
Thu 22	Wordsmith Showcase	V	10+	5pm	8
Wed 28	The Bear & The Butterfly	Z	4+	11am & 2.30pm	5
Wed 28 & Fri 30	We're Stuck	Z	7-11	10.30am & 11.45am	10
Sat 31	The Possible Impossible House	Z	6+	2.30pm & 7.30pm	5
Nov	Event		Age	Time	Page
Sun 1	16 Singers	Z	0-18 months	10.30am, 12pm & 2.30pm	5
Fri 6	The Holy & Horny Farewell Tour	V	15+	7.30pm	8
Sat 7	The Little Mermaid Sing-a-long	Z	All Ages	1.30pm	8
Sun 8	Our Teacher's a Troll	Z	7+	11am & 2.30pm	6
Mon 9 -14	Journeys & Journals	V	All ages	1pm – 5pm	8
Sat 14	Bright Sparks Showcase	Z	All ages	3pm – 4pm	9
Sat 21	Manchester Glee presents Northern Soul	V	All ages	7.30pm	8
Sat 28	Snow Queen Fun Day	Z	All ages	11am-3pm	7
Dec	Event		Age	Time	Page
Thu 3 – Sun 13	The Snow Queen	Z	7+	11am, 11.30am, 2.30pm & 7.30pm	3
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